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Stated Meeting, April 20, 1900.

Vice-President WISTAR in the Chair.

Present, 7 members.

A letter was read from the President, announcing the appointment of Mr. Hampton L. Carson to prepare an obituary notice of the late William M. Tilghman, and of Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler to prepare one of the late Charles Bullock; also letters from Messrs. Carson and Sadtler accepting the appointments.

The death, on April 10, of Frank Hamilton Cushing, of Washington, D. C., aged forty-three years, was announced.

Dr. Coleman Sellers made a communication on his late trip to Europe, and his investigations on the manufacture of carbide of calcium and caustic soda, and the operations of electric plants from the improved water-power of the river Rhone.

The Society was then adjourned by the presiding officer.

Stated Meeting, May 4, 1900.

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 17 members.

A letter was read from Prof. W. C. Brögger accepting membership.

Acknowledgments of the receipt of the Society's resolutions of April 6, relative to the establishment of a National Standards Bureau, from Prof. Pritchett, Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman and Messrs. O'Grady and Levy, members of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures; Senator Penrose, and Representatives J. R. Young, H. H. Bingham and R. Adams, Jr.

A list of the donations to the Library was presented and thanks were ordered therefor.

The decease was announced of the Duke of Argyll at London, on April 24, aged 77 years.

Mr. A. Radcliffe Grote presented a paper entitled "Historical Sketches of Gortyna and Allied Genera."

Dr. Sellers called attention to the Hawkins polygraph, formerly the property of and much used by Thomas Jefferson, an ex-President of this Society, and exhibited several letters from Jefferson to the late Charles Willson Peale, devoted to the subject of the polygraph, which he had obtained from Peale.

The Society was adjourned by the presiding officer.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GORTYNA AND ALLIED GENERA.

BY A. RADCLIFFE GROTE, A.M.

(Read May 4, 1900.)

The exact determinations of certain North American species of *Gortyna* by Mr. Henry Bird, of Rye, N. Y., which largely rendered the recent revision possible, as well as the discovery of the larval stage of several species by this excellent lepidopterist, make it again a matter of importance to present a sketch of the use of generic titles for the species in literature. While as to the type and use of *Gortyna* I do but sustain my former position, I again correct here my earlier statement that this generic title was originally published by Hübner. I cannot find it in the Tentamen and I have clearly made a mistake in so crediting it in 1876. I am here indebted to the assistance of Dr. Haeberlin, Librarian of the University of Göttingen.

GORTYNA.

1816. Ochsenheimer, *Schm. Eur.*, 4, 82: *Micacea*, flavago.

1816. Hübner, *Verz.*, 232: *Micacea*.

Micacea thus becomes the type, as always stated by me, but only and sufficiently through this restriction. The genus should, there-